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## **FACT SHEET**

# CITY FY07 BUDGET INCLUDES 493% INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR CRITICAL STREET REPAIRS

The FY07 City budget signed into law today by Mayor Jerry Sanders includes a 493% increase in the funds that will be dedicated to critical city-wide street repairs (from \$2,191,895 in FY06 to \$12,998,222 in FY07). The budget also increases by 310% the number of miles of city streets that will be repaired (from 24.5 miles to 100.5 miles).

### FY06 VS. FY07 COMPARISON FOR ASPHALT AND SLURRY SEAL

Project Type	FY '06 Budget (Miles Covered)	FY '07 Budget (Miles Covered)
Street Overlay (Asphalt)	\$1,421,895 (4.5 Miles)	\$8,208,222 (21 Miles)
Slurry Seal	\$770,000 (20 Miles)	\$4,790,000 (79.5 Miles)
Total	\$2,191,895 (24.5 miles)	\$12,998,222 (100.5 miles)

493% increase over FY06 in funds 310% increase over FY06 in miles

- The budget funds a complete asphalt repaying for 21 miles of city streets (\$8.2 million)
- More than 79.5 miles of slurry sealing will be completed (\$4.7 million). Slurry seal is a
  coating used to reduce cracks and other minor irregularities on streets needing less than
  complete asphalt resurfacing.

The significant increase in funding comes as a result of 2 primary reasons:

- The Mayor's insistence that deferred maintenance projects, to include City streets, be addressed (\$6.8 million dedicated to streets in the deferred maintenance budget).
- \$4 million from funds owed the City by the State under Prop. 42. In FY06, the City used those funds to address storm-related damage.

### **ADDITIONAL CITY STREET REPAIR PROJECTS**

In addition, the City will dedicate \$1,000,000 to the filling of potholes during FY07. This amount equates to approximately 35,000 potholes being filled.

As a goal, the City's General Services Department is planning on reducing the response time from 2 weeks to 1 week.